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23 November 1949

MEMORANDUM TO: EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Intra-CIA Export Control Committee

REFERENCES: Department of Commerce's Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Requirements.
Memo to Executive from COAPS, November 22.

1. I am opposed to formal Committees, especially within CIA, among its own offices and especially when the responsible interested man could and should talk over his subject matter with other sections of CIA that could supply him with pertinent data. Even though ~~in an~~ we are not a truly Centralized Intelligence agency let us be close enough within the shop to be a Centralized Agency dealing with intelligence.

2. I should say the attached circular from ORE to OSO, OO and OSI is a cumbersome way for a CIA Observer to work for a Department of Commerce or for any other outside committee. I assume that the committee figures out the requirements of other countries for our sensitive and other materials, the amount in supply here, etc., and makes recommendations on U. S. policy re Exports.

3. I feel that Commerce is drawing upon our intelligence facilities to aid them and we are not establishing a CIA Party Line Policy to guide the Department of Commerce's Committee.

4. OSO works closely with their Enforcement Staff re illegal exports, illegal transshipments, etc. I see no OO interest, in such a committee and cannot figure out how we would have domestic collection which the Commerce Department does not have already. If scientific matters arise, I should think [REDACTED] could consult with pertinent OSI desks without having another formal "committee" as he would consult with other analysts in ORE if the Commerce Committee were interested in matters within the competence of any CIA individual or office.

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5. If there is a formal committee, OCD should be notified of the work it does and of its membership, as indicated in our memo of November 22 since OCD has primary interest in operational liaison.

6. I recommend, however, a circular memo to all Assistant Directors and COAPS from ORE stating that their [REDACTED] is representing CIA as an Observer on the Department of Commerce's Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Requirements pertaining to sensitive

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and other materials in short supply here, needed by other governments, on which we have Export Controls. Since he may have to call upon other segments of CIA for assistance, he would like to know the names of individuals whom he could contact on this matter in OSI and when necessary, in the other offices of CIA, including OSO. He would like to receive from OO and OSO, copies of any information they may collect on this subject of use to the Department of Commerce's advisory committee.

7. In other words, let the left hand know what the right hand is doing WITHIN CIA. Outside CIA, too much is sometimes known about what each CIA finger is doing, but inside CIA just the opposite prevails.

8. Here endeth my Thanksgiving Sermon for what it may or may not be worth!

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Coordination, Operations
and Policy Staff

*Recommended Memo to AD/TORE Nov 25th
attached.*

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